

# PREVALENCE OF ELDER ABUSE

**Elder Abuse** is grossly under recognized, grossly under reported

- 2-5 million victims of elder abuse in the last year

National Institute of Justice, Ron Acierno Ph.D.; Melba Hernandez-Tejada M.S.; Wendy Muzzy B.S.; Kenneth Steve M.S., March 2009

- It is estimated that 84% of elder abuse cases go unreported and 40% of all elder abuse involves some form of financial exploitation

Source: Journal of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Fall 2003)

- 13 year study found only 9% of abuse elders still living compared to 40% of non-abused elders

Source: Wolf, Rosalie "The Nature and Scope of Elder Abuse", Generations Journal Vol XXIV, No 1, American Society on Aging, 2000

**Elder Abuse** is:

- **Common:** One in 13 persons age 60+ report abuse (7.6%) which is the same prevalence as coronary heart disease)
- **Lethal:** Victims are 3 times more likely to die
- **Expensive:**
  - Victims are 4 times more likely to go into a long-term care facility
  - 9% of financial exploitation victims turn to Medicaid as a direct result of exploitation

Source: National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) 2011